

Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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SY CHANNEL

FOR A/SY/OPS/FO FROM RSO BONN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: TRYING TO CONVEY HIDDEN MESSAGES IN HOSTAGE NOTES.

1. SENIOR EMBOFF HAS ASKED RSO WHETHER SUBJECT IS AD-VISABLE.
2. SENIOR EMBOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TRYING TO CONVEY HIDDEN MESSAGES IN HOSTAGE NOTES COULD BE MISLEADING AT BEST AND DANGEROUS AT WORST.
3. PRACTICE AT BONN HAS BEEN TO COLLECT HANDWRITING SAMPLES FROM NEW ARRIVALS AND BRIEF THEM IN WRITING OF CERTAIN HIDDEN MEANINGS TO USE: E.G., (A) THE SEX OF THE CAPTORS WOULD BE INDICATED BY "THESE MEN,... WOMEN,... (OR) PEOPLE"; (B) THE WORDS IN THE CLOSING WOULD INDICATE THE NUMBER OF CAPTORS; (C) THE NUMBER FOR THE MONTH IN THE DATE COULD INDICATE A FULLY DICTATED NOTE WHEREAS A WRITTEN OUT MONTH COULD INDICATE A QUOTE FREELY UNQUOTE WRITTEN NOTE.
4. RSO AGREES WITH THIS CRITICISM. HOWEVER, BEFORE CHANGING, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SY GUIDANCE. THANKS.

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